

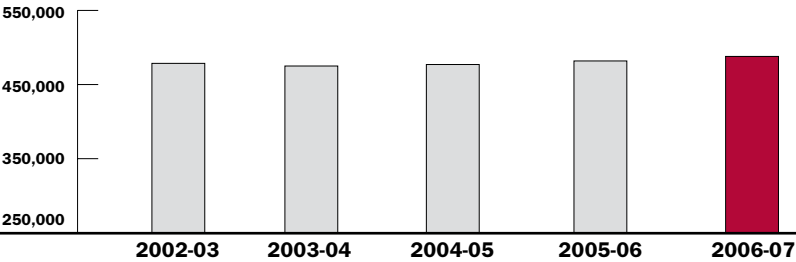
Transit Ridership

Transit Ridership Rises for Third Straight Year

- Bay Area transit ridership rose for a third consecutive year in fiscal year (FY) 2006-07. Transit operators recorded over 488 million annual passenger boardings on buses, trains, ferries and light-rail vehicles. Total annual boardings grew by 1 percent over the prior year period, and since FY 2002-03, annual boardings are up by 2 percent.
- Caltrain continued the steady ridership growth of recent years with an increase of 15 percent over FY 2005-06. The increasing popularity of the “Baby Bullet” service between San Francisco and San Jose helped fuel this growth.

Ridership on Bay Area Transit Systems by Operator, Fiscal Years 2002-03 – 2006-07

Operator	Thousands of Annual Boardings					Percent Change	
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2005-06– 2006-07	2002-03– 2006-07
Muni	216,947	217,049	218,205	212,067	207,677	–2%	–4%
BART	93,799	98,026	99,516	103,857	109,423	+5%	+17%
AC Transit	62,755	64,906	65,076	66,963	67,415	+1%	+7%
Valley Transportation Authority	46,864	39,776	38,486	40,935	43,434	+6%	–7%
SamTrans	16,859	15,064	14,510	15,017	15,210	+1%	–10%
Caltrain	7,870	8,015	9,185	10,135	11,608	+15%	+48%
Golden Gate Transit	10,261	9,789	9,466	9,465	9,402	–1%	–8%
Other Operators	23,232	22,391	22,438	23,398	23,884	+2%	+3%
Total – All Operators	478,587	475,016	476,882	481,837	488,053	+1%	+2%



Sources: Metropolitan Transportation Commission and transit operators

- Among Muni, BART and AC Transit – the Bay Area’s three largest transit operators who together log almost 80 percent of all the transit trips in the region – only Muni registered a decline in ridership (down 2 percent) compared to FY 2005-06 figures. BART showed a healthy increase (up 5 percent), while ridership at AC Transit rose by 1 percent.

Top 10 Bay Area Bus Routes, by Boardings		
Rank	Route	Average Weekday Boardings FY 2006-07
1.	SF Muni: 38 Geary	55,200
2.	SF Muni: 14 Mission	37,500
3.	SF Muni: 30 Stockton	33,400
4.	SF Muni: 1 California	27,400
5.	SF Muni: 9 San Bruno	25,500
6.	SF Muni: 15 Third Street	25,500
7.	SF Muni: 49 Van Ness-Mission	24,100
8.	AC Transit: 40/40L/43 Telegraph/Foothill	19,300
9.	AC Transit: 82/82L International/East 14th	19,100
10.	SF Muni: 22 Filmore	18,800

Sources: Muni, AC Transit